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situation where some people get so depressed they actually become suicidal. And so that's the process they go through. The social worker, before the transplant, talks with them about this issue and works with them on the issue because they need to know the extremely high costs that they may have or that their circumstances may dictate; if they lose their job or change jobs what's going to happen in terms of paying for those. And I know that took a long time and I'll put my light on, but I don't know how to do it faster.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, do all or most insurance policies cover the transplant themselves...itself?

SENATOR THOMPSON: I don't know. I assume they do.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay.

SENATOR THOMPSON: I assume they do.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR THOMPSON: I know bone marrow is an area that's controversial, but I don't know of any instance but, to be honest with you, I haven't worked on that aspect of things. Maybe somebody else in the body is aware of that.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. If you...if you don't have insurance and you're not wealthy enough to get a transplant...

SENATOR THOMPSON: (Microphone malfunction) Medicaid.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...can you still get a transplant?

SENATOR THOMPSON: Medicaid would cover it.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Then Medicaid would cover it?

SENATOR THOMPSON: And Medicaid...a person who's on Medicaid has coverage for...they're not under this bill because they do have coverage for the drugs.